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**Subject:** Your question regarding co-authored paper to be published in journal Science  
**Attachments:** Desk Statement\_EPA scientists co-author paper published in journal Science\_May 22 2020\_.docx; 200416 WashingtonEtAlManuscriptAcceptedAtScience.pdf; 200516 WashingtonEtAlSuppMat.pdf

Hi Gloria,

Responding to your email regarding a press release, I am attaching the EPA desk statement. I was not involved in writing or reviewing the desk statement. The Science Embargo extends until June 4, see below. But the Embargo allows for reporters to be contacted starting Sunday, May 31.

I am not aware if EPA plans to contact reporters before publication. But as far as I am concerned, NJDEP, 1) participated in the study from the out-start, 2) has authors on the paper, 3) has a substantial interest in the study and the physical study area, so NJDEP should be free to make its own decisions within the conditions set by Science as described in the Embargo-policy conditions attached below.

The paper accepted by Science also is attached.

Thanks very much for your interest--  
John

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**Subject:** FW: EPA and NJDEP scientists co-author paper to be published in journal Science

Hi John and Erica,

I just shared the attached EPA desk statement with Brendon Shank, who is the communications contact at NJDEP. I also shared the press packed from the journal *Science* with Brendon. See below.

Let me know if you have questions. Congrats on your paper!

-Emily

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**Subject:** FW: EPA and NJDEP scientists co-author paper to be published in journal Science

**Importance:** High

Hi Brendon,

I wanted to make you aware that a manuscript titled "Nontargeted mass-spectral detection of chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates in New Jersey soils," co-authored by scientists at EPA and NJDEP, will be published in the June 5th issue of the journal *Science* and will be available online at the journal's website on June 4th. Erica Bergman and Sandra Goodrow of NJDEP are co-authors on the paper.

Attached is the EPA desk statement summarizing the results of the study. And below, is press information from the journal *Science*.

I am copying Carolyn Hubbard who is the Communications Director for EPA's Office of Research & Development (ORD); and Mary Mears, who is EPA Region 2 Public Affairs Director.

The lead author for this research is EPA scientist John Washington, who works in the EPA/ORD Center for Environmental Measurement & Modeling where I lead communications. Let me know if you have questions!

Thanks!

-Emily

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**From:** Science Press Package Team <[scipak@aaas.org](mailto:scipak@aaas.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:09 PM

To: Washington, John <Washington.John@epa.gov>

Subject: Important: Forthcoming Science Paper/Embargo Guidelines -- Please Forward to Your Press Officer

Dear Author,

Please forward the following information to your institution's press officer(s) within 24 hours to ensure that they are able to coordinate on the production of news releases with their home press offices, and on multimedia submissions to the press package—both of which greatly assist in boosting the visibility of this research.

Best,  
The SciPak Team

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Dear Public Information Officer,

The *Science* Press Package team in the AAAS Office of Public Programs would like to alert you that researchers from your organization will be publishing in *Science* on **5 June 2020**.

Please visit <https://www.eurekalert.org/pio/sci> to view information about authors, article titles and the *Science* press package. You may also download copies of your authors' articles. You will need to enter your EurekAlert! username and password in order to access this information.

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Please reply to this message to confirm that you will uphold all *Science* embargo guidelines, outlined below.

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(1) This information will be published by *Science* and AAAS on Friday, **5 June 2020**.

(2) The information will be strictly embargoed—meaning that it cannot be published, broadcast, posted online, routed to list serves, tweeted, announced on Facebook, fed to satellites, shared with anyone other than journalists, or otherwise placed in the public domain—until **2:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time Thursday, 4 June 2020**.

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(11) If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Meagan Phelan, Science Press Package director, 202-326-6436, [mphelan@aaas.org](mailto:mphelan@aaas.org).

For further information about the *Science* embargo guidelines, contact any member of the *Science* Press Package team at +1-202-326-6440, or [scipak@aaas.org](mailto:scipak@aaas.org)

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to explain your research and its relevancy to media and non-scientific audiences. We welcome submission of images and video that can help communicate your work to a broader public audience. **Please submit images and other materials by Thursday, 28 May (please note these images must be your own—and not from Flickr, Wikimedia Commons or other public image sites).** Should you have any questions about this, please contact us by email at [scipak@aaas.org](mailto:scipak@aaas.org) or by phone at +1-202-326-6440.

The *Science* Press Package office would also like to encourage authors to collaborate with their affiliated institutions' press officers to prepare for media outreach, and to suggest that press officers register with EurekAlert! at [www.eurekalert.org](http://www.eurekalert.org).

**Note:** The Press Package team has consulted with reporters at *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, STAT, and *The Economist*, and the verdict is in: they want videos, and having them can make the difference between their covering research – or not. For tips on how to capture compelling b-roll for the thousands of reporters who receive the press packages each week, please view our B-roll guide on EurekAlert!:

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